

**Selectmen Meeting
Minutes
June 26, 2013**

Selectman Connolly, Selectman Sargent, Selectman LeBlanc, Selectman Dickhaut and Chairman Dziokonski were in attendance. Attendee was Town Administrator Ward. Chairman Dziokonski opened the meeting at 7:00PM. He congratulated Selectman Sargent & Selectman Iacobucci and all of the other success candidates who were elected to office.

Reorganization of Board

Chairman

Chairman Dziokonski opened nominations for Chairman. Selectman Sargent nominated Selectman Connolly as Chairman. Nominations closed, Chairman Dziokonski asked for all those in favor of Selectman Connolly's nomination. The vote was unanimous. Selectman Dziokonski congratulated Chairman Connolly.

Vice Chairman

Chairman Connolly opened nominations for Vice Chairman, Selectman Le Blanc nominated Selectman Sargent. Chairman Connolly asked for additional nomination, there were none. Nominations closed, the vote was unanimous electing Selectman Sargent as Vice Chairman.

Clerk

Chairman Connolly opened nominations for Clerk, Selectman Sargent nominated Selectman Iacobucci. Chairman Dziokonski asked for additional nomination, there were none. Nominations closed the vote was unanimous electing Selectman Iacobucci Clerk.

Fire Union Safety Committee Radio Communications Discussions

Chairman Connolly invited members of the Fire Safety Committee forward to continue discussion regarding the communications system. He explained the union meet with the board at the last meeting reviewing the direction agreed on going forward is to research hiring a consultant. Fire Fighter Whitaker explained a solution could be to switch to a 400 band. He reviewed surrounding communities are using this band. He had contacted some consultants, one is Tussa who gave a quote of \$18,000.00 another is RL Kimball out of New York and the quote from them is \$17,500.00. Deputy Chief McLaughlin reviewed he had spoken with Mark Cady of LB Communications, who is willing to review the system at \$80.00 per hour. He reviewed Mr. Cady explained he is willing to evaluate the system and make recommendation and supervise any work

needed. Discussion continued regarding the impact to the Police Department if the band were changed to 400. The Police Department would have to revamp their system. The board asked Administrator Ward about available funding. Administrator Ward explained the year ends June 30, at that time he hopes to have some numbers to present to the Finance Committee to review the amount needed. Chairman Connolly explained he would like a comprehensive evaluation on all of the communications systems used in town by the Police, Fire, DPW and CEMA, the board needs to know what will work town wide. This information is needed before the board can get specs prepared or go to bid. The Safety Committee explained specs can be developed from the review completed. Chairman Connolly asked Police Chief Laverdure if he had any comments to add to the discussion. Chief Laverdure explained if the system were to change to 400 band the Police will be out of communication. The board agreed they want all departments to have the ability to communicate. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to have the Town Administrator contact Chief Hart in writing instructing him to be at the next meeting to be included in the radio system discussion. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The Safety Committee asked for an update on the request to have MEMA or National Guard provide a back up communication system to the town. Administrator Ward explained he contacted the National Guard who explained this is an unusual request. MEMA termed the request unique, explaining this is typically done as a result of a disaster or is a planned event like the fireworks display. Both organizations explained they would have to research more within their organizations and get back to the town. Chairman Connolly review an important step was skipped here in town, CEMA should be contacted. Selectman Dziokonski made a motion to contact the CEMA Director and invite him to the next meeting. Selectman LeBlanc seconded the motion. Under Discussion: Selectman Iacobucci agreed the CEMA Director should be involved. The vote was unanimous.

Administrative Business

Late Night Closings

Town Administrator Ward reviewed the following establishments are requesting late night closings for Saturdays in the month of July 2013: Clem's Liberty Tavern, Clinton Turn Verein, Crystal Café, Old Timer, Ringside Café, & The Simple Man Saloon. Selectman Sargent made a motion to approve the requests as presented with the Police Chiefs review and approval. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Old & New Business

Senior Center Director Grant Stipend

Administrator Ward reviewed with the board the Town Accountant contacted him regarding a submitted invoice from the Senior Center Director for a stipend to cover her

administrative work with the state formula grant. The invoice is based on work down beyond her work duties. This is a new request and the Town Accountant has asked for the board to review. Selectman Sargent made a motion to have Town Solicitor Gibbons and Town Administrator Ward review this research this request to see if the town is eligible to process the invoice. Selectman Iacobucci seconded the motion. Under Discussion: The Director sent information to the Town Administrator today as back up to the request. The board reviewed and discussed asking for more information from the Council showing approval. Selectman Iacobucci stated it is his understanding this is part of the Director's position, she has always performed duties without receiving a stipend. Chairman Connolly explained this grant have never been used for compensation in the past. Further information is needed. The vote is unanimous.

Committee Reports

Chairman Connolly asked for a listing of all board & committee members for review at the next meeting.

Public Comment

There was none.

Chairman Connolly reviewed the board will enter into Executive Session and will not conduct any further business in an open meeting.

Executive Session Article 3 Fire Union Discussion 7:45PM – 8:10PM

Selectman LeBlanc made a motion at 7:45 PM to enter into Executive Session under article 3 for Fire Union Negotiations discussion. Selectman Dziokonski seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Selectman LeBlanc "aye", Selectman Sargent "aye", Selectman Connolly "aye", Selectman Dickhaut "aye", and Chairman Dziokonski "aye".

Selectman Dziokonski made a motion at 8:11PM to adjourn. Selectman Sargent seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clinton Board of Selectmen